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From: Nesci, Kimberly [Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/12/2021 7:43:52 PM
To: Dawson, Jeffrey [Dawson.Jeff@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: PFAS in Pesticides MN call

Can you help follow-up on the below inquiry? It's definition related.

From: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 3:37 PM
To: Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PFAS in Pesticides MN call

Cheryl, Rhina and I have sent several emails out to folks asking if this was planned or completed but never heard back.

From: Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 3:27 PM
To: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PFAS in Pesticides MN call

Is this still outstanding? Checking in. Thanks, Shamus.

From: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:33 PM
To: Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Aubee, Catherine <Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov>
Cc: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: PFAS in Pesticides MN call

Hi Kimberly and Catherine,

We wanted to check in to see how we can coordinate with you and then Sandra on following up with MN as noted by Rick and Michal below? What are your thoughts on following up - OPP call then email or vice versa?

Thanks,
Shamus

From: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:02 AM
To: Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Aubee, Catherine <Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov>
Cc: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
Subject: PFAS in Pesticides MN call

Hi Kimberly and Catherine,

I hope you are having a good start to your work day! We were able to clear the following responses to questions from Minnesota on the PFAS in packaging issue, focusing mostly on our PFAS definition and the PFAS Master list.

Rick and Michal believe the inquiry and our responses merit a call to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture since the nuance in our answers may need additional explanation. How can we coordinate this call?

Here are the approved responses: MN Dept of Ag PFAS in Pesticides Inquiry

Best,

Rhina M. Lara (*she/her/hers*)

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From: Dunton, Cheryl

Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:24 AM

To: Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>

Cc: Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>; Goodis, Michael <Goodis.Michael@epa.gov>; Aubee, Catherine <Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: ED Questions: Responses to states on PFAS in containers issue

Thanks Ed and apologies for not copying others.

From: Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 8:23 PM

To: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>

Cc: Nesci, Kimberly <Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>; Goodis, Michael <Goodis.Michael@epa.gov>; Aubee, Catherine <Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: ED Questions: Responses to states on PFAS in containers issue

We can reach out to MN. Thanks. Please include Mike and Darlene in messages to me. Will ensure a more timely response.

Ed

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From: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:57 PM

To: Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: ED Questions: Responses to states on PFAS in containers issue

Hi Ed – I wanted to check in w/ you again on this. I have a revised response to PFAS definition question submitted by MN on the containers issue. Rick and Michal both wanted to know if someone could call MN and walk them through the full set of responses once they are cleared. Is that something OPP can do? I want to be able to tell Michal/Rick when I send these responses back around to them. Thanks.

From: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 2:16 PM

To: Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>

Subject: ED Questions: Responses to states on PFAS in containers issue

Hi Ed – folks sent me the attached PFAS in containers responses to states. Rick and Michal asked me to check with you on the following issues with this response. Let me know what you think. Thanks.

From Rick and Michal on the Minnesota inquiry:

- See response to question #2 from Minnesota. There is some new PFAS definition issue you should raise with Ed.
- I think the Minnesota inquiry might merit a call with MDA first. The nuance in our answers may need some additional explanation.
- Also, the state co-regulator workgroups under SFIREG (State FIFRA Research and Evaluation Group) are meeting next week and PFAS is a sizable piece of the agenda. Depending upon the audience for that meeting, this might be something that OPP should discuss/convey to the broader group.

From: Freedhoff, Michal <Freedhoff.Michal@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 2:08 PM

To: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>

Cc: Richmond, Jonah <Richmond.Jonah@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Michal/Rick: Responses to states on PFAS in containers issue

There is some new PFAS definition issue you should raise with Ed.

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From: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 1:59 PM

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Subject: RE: Michal/Rick: Responses to states on PFAS in containers issue

Regarding the definition of PFAS, this is something I worked w/ folks on recently (last week I think). Tala provided this info on how OPPT defines PFAS and confirmed we're using the same definition in this case as well.

I can do some more work on the FL one.

Thanks.

From: Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 1:56 PM

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Subject: RE: Michal/Rick: Responses to states on PFAS in containers issue

Thanks Cheryl.

For the response to Florida, I wonder if they will be confused by the reference to the steel drum piece because we are told that the Permanone product tested was packaged in steel drums. So, we may want to finesse that part of the response to focus on finding alternative packaging options without a reference to example containers.

For the response to Minnesota, I wonder if this draft response needs some further discussion between OPPT and OPP. I seem to recall that how one office has defined PFAS and how the other has defined this same term may not agree, sparking some discussion about statements we have made in the past. Perhaps we can hold off on the Minnesota response for another day to allow those conversations to occur (unless they already have)?

From: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 1:48 PM

To: Freedhoff, Michal <Freedhoff.Michal@epa.gov>; Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>

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Subject: Michal/Rick: Responses to states on PFAS in containers issue

Hi Rick/Michal – I understand from Allison that she used to run responses back to the states/other stakeholders on the PFAS in containers issue by you before sending back out. Attached are responses to questions from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Minnesota Department of Agriculture that came in through our PFAS in pesticide packaging email box. There's no "breaking news" in these responses, and they've been adapted from vetted/approved content that we've provided before (to other inbox inquiries from stakeholders, press or on the website).

Let me know if you'd like to continue reviewing these more standard responses or if you're ok with just an FYI. Thanks.

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